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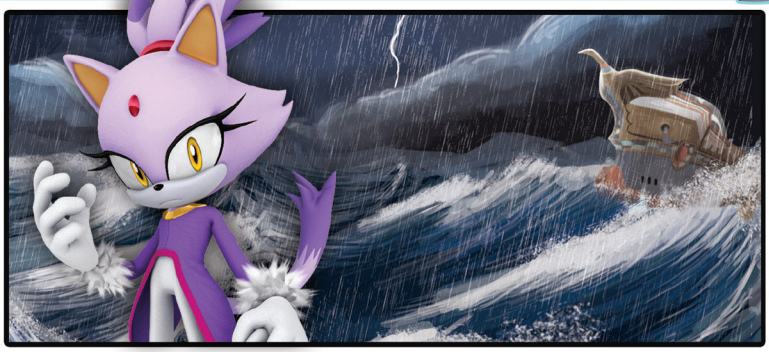

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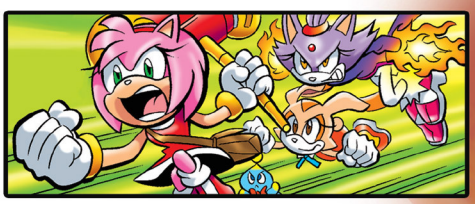

WHO'S WHO

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WITH CHEESE THE CHAO

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CAPTAIN OF THE OCEAN TORNADO

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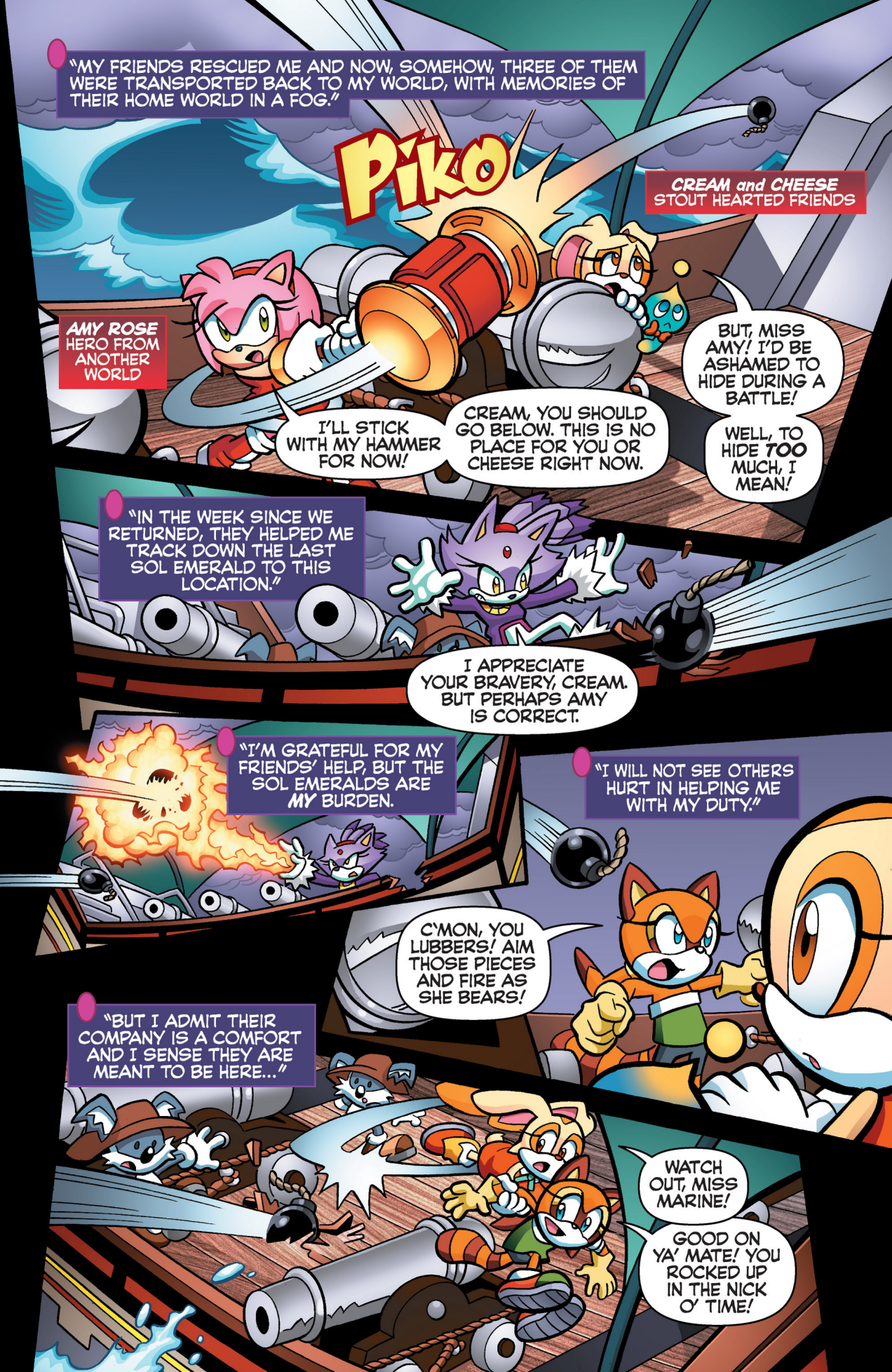
"My name is BLAZE. I am the guardian of the Sol Emeralds.
TH-THOOM
"For some time now, they have been scattered across my world.
"It is my duty and burden to protect them. I have scoured my world and others in my search for them. Only one remains to be found."
MARINE THE RACCOON LOUDMOUTH CAPTAIN
C'mon, you bludgers! Swab yer guns and re-load! Gonna take a bit o' yakka to whip these bitzers!
BLAZE THE CAT PYROKINETIC PRINCESS
"Not long ago however, I was abducted by evil from another world, and forced to do their bidding."*
STREWTH! You blokes weren't within a cooee of hittin' that barky! Oi! You two wanna fair go at the guns? Couldn't do much worse than THIS pack o' no-hopers!
* You didn't miss the mega "Worlds Collide" event, did you? See SU #51-54!


"MY FRIENDS RESCUED ME AND NOW, SOMEHOW, THREE OF THEM WERE TRANSPORTED BACK TO MY WORLD, WITH MEMORIES OF THEIR HOME WORLD IN A FOG."
PIKO
AMY ROSE
HERO FROM ANOTHER WORLD
CREAM and CHEESE
STOUT HEARTED FRIENDS
I'LL STICK WITH MY HAMMER FOR NOW!
CREAM, YOU SHOULD GO BELOW. THIS IS NO PLACE FOR YOU OR CHEESE RIGHT NOW.
BUT, MISS AMY! I'D BE ASHAMED TO HIDE DURING A BATTLE!
WELL, TO HIDE TOO MUCH, I MEAN!
"IN THE WEEK SINCE WE RETURNED, THEY HELPED ME TRACK DOWN THE LAST SOL EMERALD TO THIS LOCATION."
I APPRECIATE YOUR BRAVERY, CREAM. BUT PERHAPS AMY IS CORRECT.
"I'M GRATEFUL FOR MY FRIENDS' HELP, BUT THE SOL EMERALDS ARE MY BURDEN.
"I WILL NOT SEE OTHERS HURT IN HELPING ME WITH MY DUTY."
C'MON, YOU LUBBERS! AIM THOSE PIECES AND FIRE AS SHE BEARS!
"BUT I ADMIT THEIR COMPANY IS A COMFORT AND I SENSE THEY ARE MEANT TO BE HERE..."
WATCH OUT, MISS MARINE!
GOOD ON YA' MATE! YOU ROCKED UP IN THE NICK O' TIME!

"...ALMOST AS IF THEY WERE CALLED HERE BY THE SOL EMERALDS."
PIRATE PLUNDER PANIC PART ONE
"THE LAST OF WHICH IS CALLING TO ME. IT IS IN THE HANDS OF THOSE BLACKGUARD PIRATES.
"IF I FAIL TO RETRIEVE THE LAST SOL EMERALD... MY WORLD WILL FALL."

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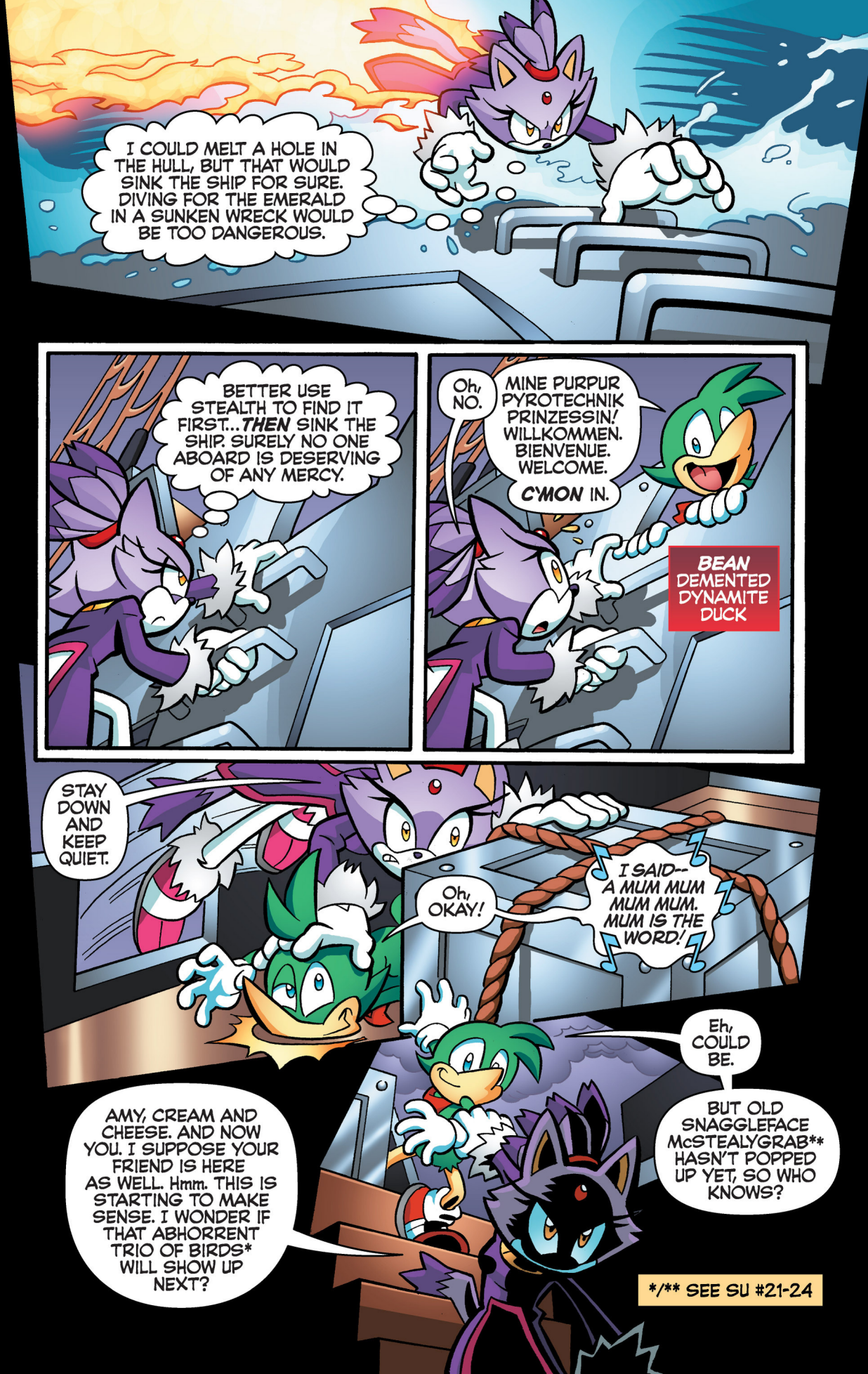
MARINE! BRING US IN CLOSE AND I'LL BOARD HER!
YOU LOST IT? YOU'LL COME A GUTSER FOR SURE IF YOU TRY AND TAKE ON THAT LOT O' YABBOS ALL BY YERSELF!
MARINE'S RIGHT... I THINK. YOU CAN'T GO OVER THERE ALONE!
THEY HAVE THE LAST SOL EMERALD.
I'LL GO ABOARD, MELT THEIR SHIP TO SLAG AND GET IT BACK! NO ONE ELSE NEEDS TO GET HURT FOR ME TO FULFILL MY DUTY.
BUT MISS BLAZE, WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU!
YOU CAN HELP ME BY DOING AS I ASK!
WATCH OUT!
KRASH
I'M SO SORRY, CREAM.
I LOST MY TEMPER AND PUT US ALL IN DANGER!
FOCUS, BLAZE! FOCUS!
IT'S OKAY, CREAM. THIS IS HER WORLD AND HER FIGHT. LET'S HELP HER WIN IT.
YES, MISS AMY.

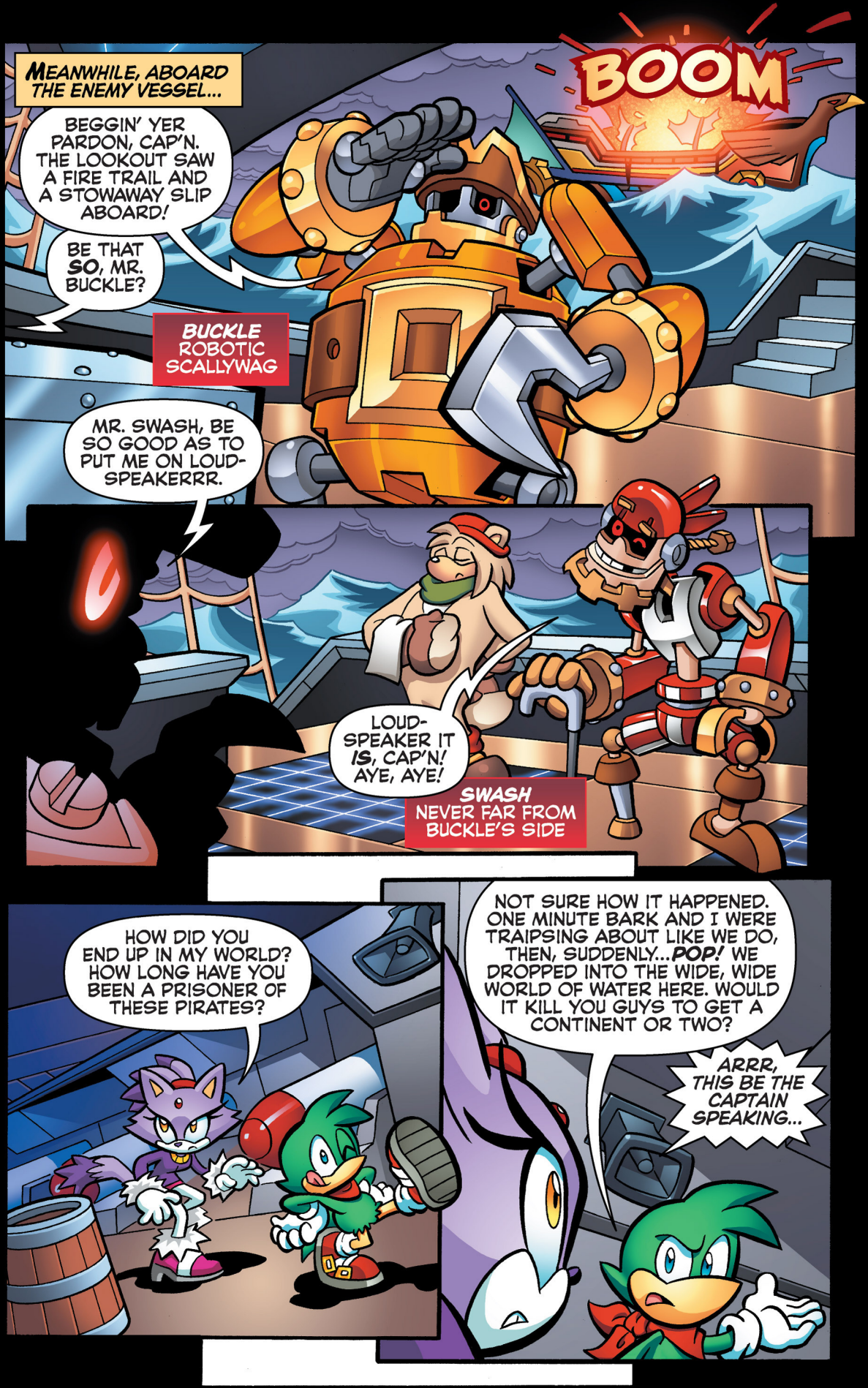
THEY'RE CHUCKIN' SOME BODGY LOOKIN' SHOT AT US. MORE LIKE A BOMB THAN YER USUAL CANNONBALL!
KINDA' WEIRD, I GUESS. FAMILIAR, TOO, SOMEHOW. BUT LET'S WORRY MORE ABOUT SENDING SOME BACK THEIR WAY!
PIKO
RIGHT-O, SHEILA! LET'S SHOW THESE BUCCANEERS HOW RIGHT SAILORS LOB A BALL! READY...!
AIM...!
CLANG
VREEEE
FIRE.
TH-TH-TH-TH-TH-THOOM

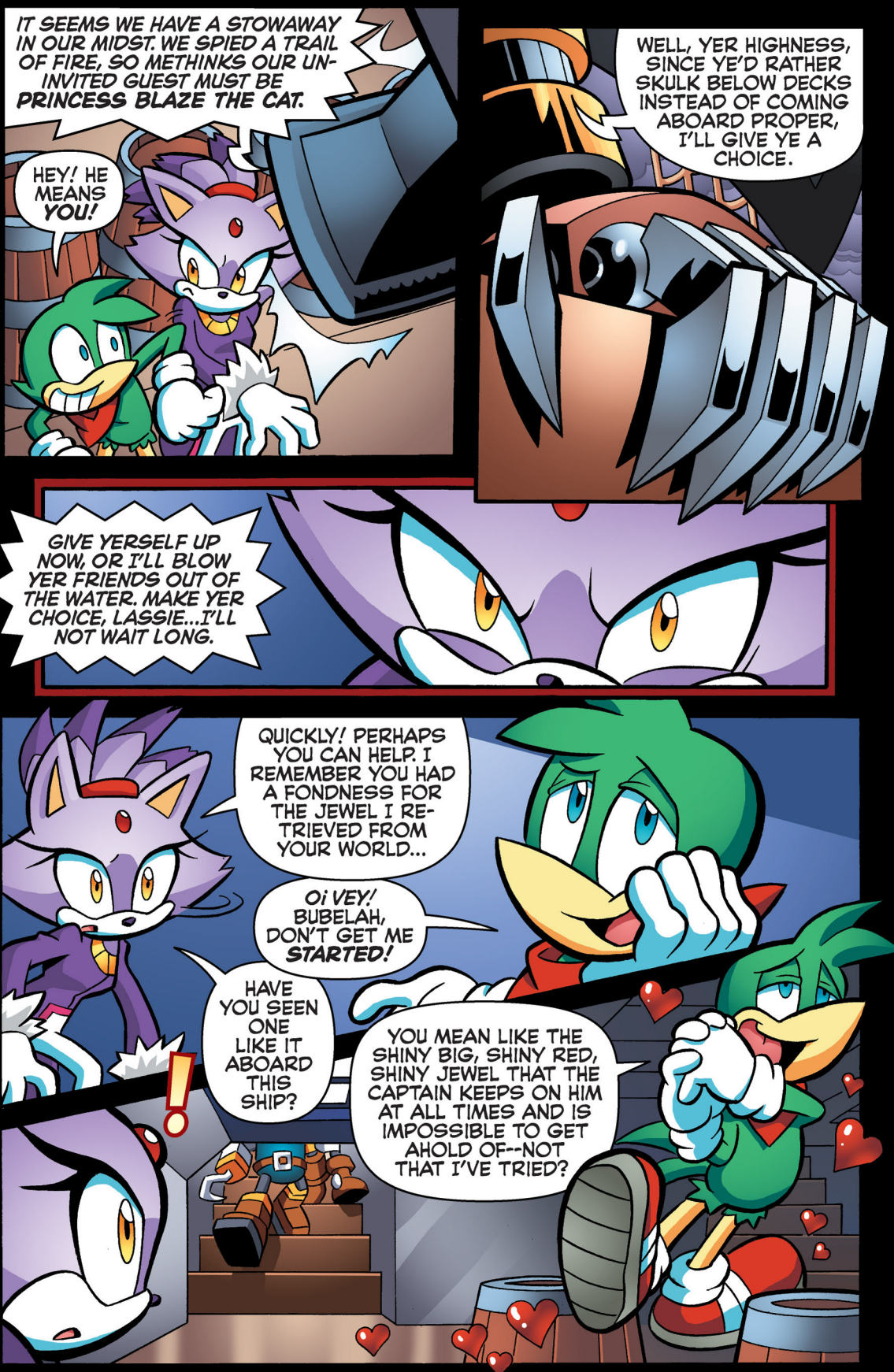
FROOSH
BOOM
VWOOSH
KRAK
OI! YOU MONGRELS ARE DIRTYIN' UP ME PAINT-WORK!
PIKO
KRASH
KRAKK
KRASH
KRASH
I THINK THE PAINTWORK IS THE LEAST OF YOUR WORRIES RIGHT NOW!
FSSSSSSSST
CLANG
CLNG
CLNG
YEAH, THAT'D BE RIGHT.

FORE!
PIKO
BOOM
FOUR? THAT WAS A BONZER HIT, MATE! A TEN FOR SURE!
LOOK! THE PIRATES HAVE STOPPED SHOOTING AT US! THAT WAS NICE OF THEM!
CHAO CHAO!
THIS IS MY CHANCE. YOU KEEP THEM DISTRACTED WHILE I BOARD THEM AND FIND THE EMERALD. FIRE A VOLLEY TO COVER MY TRAIL!
B-BOOM B-BOOM
BE SAFE, MY FRIENDS!
YOU BLOKES KEEP FIRING! AMY AND CREAM COME WITH ME! I'VE GOT A RIPPER IDEA!
MISS AMY?
YES, CREAM?
I'M SCARED.
ME TOO.


I COULD MELT A HOLE IN THE HULL, BUT THAT WOULD SINK THE SHIP FOR SURE. DIVING FOR THE EMERALD IN A SUNKEN WRECK WOULD BE TOO DANGEROUS.
BETTER USE STEALTH TO FIND IT FIRST...THEN SINK THE SHIP. SURELY NO ONE ABOARD IS DESERVING OF ANY MERCY.
Oh, NO.
MINE PURPUR PYROTECHNIK PRINZESSIN! WILLKOMMEN. BIENVENUE. WELCOME. C'MON IN.
BEAN DEMENTED DYNAMITE DUCK
STAY DOWN AND KEEP QUIET.
Oh, OKAY!
I SAID-- A MUM MUM MUM MUM. MUM IS THE WORD!
Eh, COULD BE.
BUT OLD SNAGGLEFACE McSTEALYGRAB** HASN'T POPPED UP YET, SO WHO KNOWS?
AMY, CREAM AND CHEESE. AND NOW YOU. I SUPPOSE YOUR FRIEND IS HERE AS WELL. Hmm. THIS IS STARTING TO MAKE SENSE. I WONDER IF THAT ABHORRENT TRIO OF BIRDS* WILL SHOW UP NEXT?
*/** SEE SU #21-24

IS THIS A GOOD IDEA, MARINE?
WARNING EXPLOSIVES
Ah, SHE'LL BE APPLES! BLAZE SAID TO KEEP 'EM DISTRACTED!
THESE MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL FIREWORKS OUGHTA DO THE TRICK!
CAPTAIN MARINE, I DON'T THINK...
THAT'S RIGHT, YOU DON'T THINK! YOU FOLLOW ORDERS! NOW, BE READY WHEN YOU GET THE WORD!
LET'S JUST MOVE OVER HERE, SHALL WE, CREAM?
FIRE!!
Huh, MUST'VE BEEN A DUD...


MEANWHILE, ABOARD THE ENEMY VESSEL...
BOOM
BEGGIN' YER PARDON, CAP'N. THE LOOKOUT SAW A FIRE TRAIL AND A STOWAWAY SLIP ABOARD!
BE THAT SO, MR. BUCKLE?
BUCKLE ROBOTIC SCALLYWAG
MR. SWASH, BE SO GOOD AS TO PUT ME ON LOUD-SPEAKERRR.
LOUD-SPEAKER IT IS, CAP'N! AYE, AYE!
SWASH NEVER FAR FROM BUCKLE'S SIDE
HOW DID YOU END UP IN MY WORLD? HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A PRISONER OF THESE PIRATES?
NOT SURE HOW IT HAPPENED. ONE MINUTE BARK AND I WERE TRAIPSING ABOUT LIKE WE DO, THEN, SUDDENLY...POP! WE DROPPED INTO THE WIDE, WIDE WORLD OF WATER HERE. WOULD IT KILL YOU GUYS TO GET A CONTINENT OR TWO?
ARRR, THIS BE THE CAPTAIN SPEAKING...

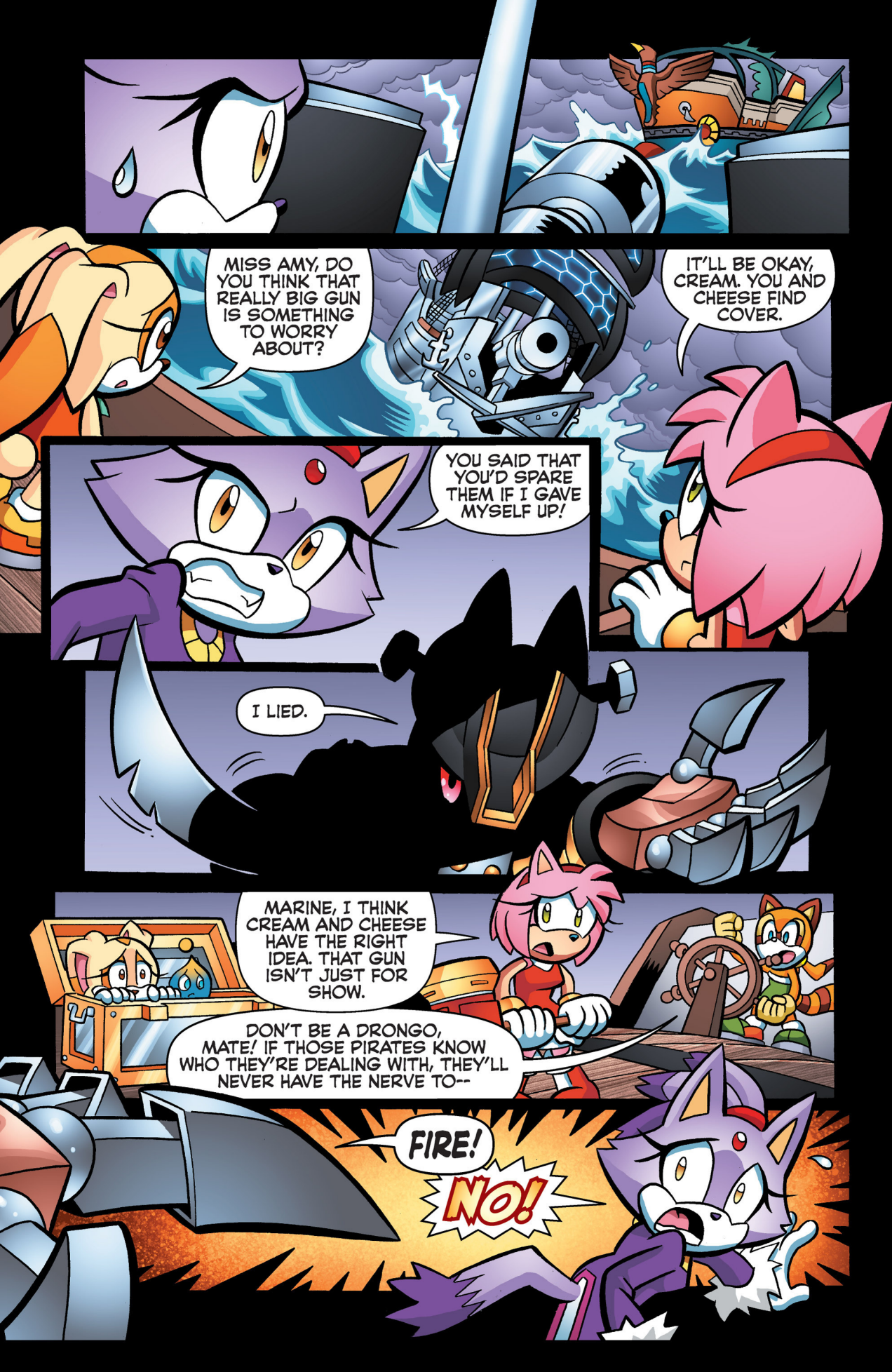

IT SEEMS WE HAVE A STOWAWAY IN OUR MIDST. WE SPIED A TRAIL OF FIRE, SO METHINKS OUR UNINVITED GUEST MUST BE PRINCESS BLAZE THE CAT.
HEY! HE MEANS YOU!
WELL, YER HIGHNESS, SINCE YE'D RATHER SKULK BELOW DECKS INSTEAD OF COMING ABOARD PROPER, I'LL GIVE YE A CHOICE.
GIVE YERSELF UP NOW, OR I'LL BLOW YER FRIENDS OUT OF THE WATER. MAKE YER CHOICE, LASSIE...I'LL NOT WAIT LONG.
QUICKLY! PERHAPS YOU CAN HELP. I REMEMBER YOU HAD A FONDNESS FOR THE JEWEL I RETRIEVED FROM YOUR WORLD...
Oi VEY! BUBELAH, DON'T GET ME STARTED!
HAVE YOU SEEN ONE LIKE IT ABOARD THIS SHIP?
YOU MEAN LIKE THE SHINY BIG, SHINY RED, SHINY JEWEL THAT THE CAPTAIN KEEPS ON HIM AT ALL TIMES AND IS IMPOSSIBLE TO GET AHOLD OF--NOT THAT I'VE TRIED?

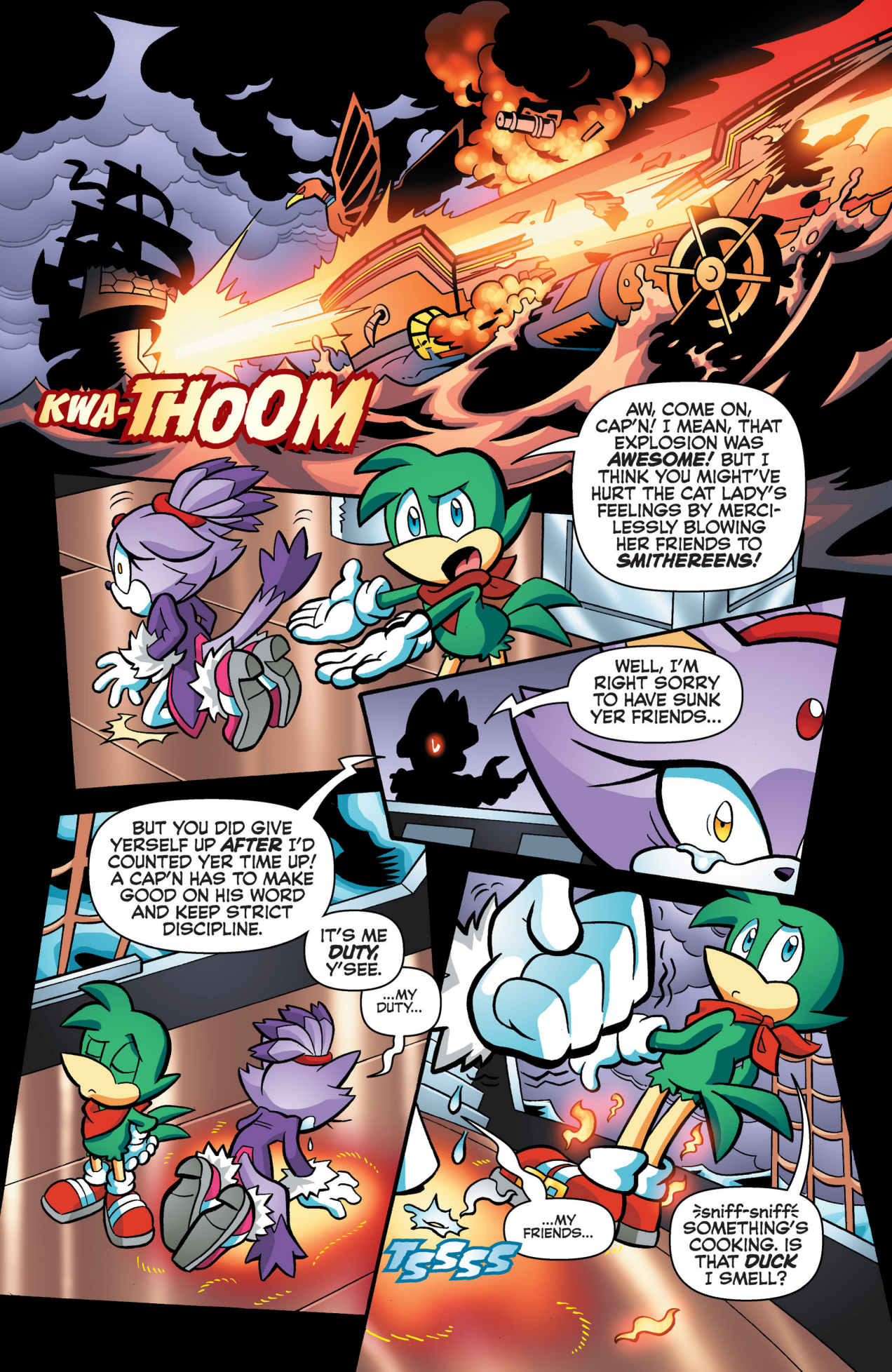
THAT'S IT! NOW GET YOURSELF OFF THIS SHIP WHILE I GET THE EMERALD BACK! I'LL FREE YOUR FRIEND BEFORE I SINK THE SHIP AND ALL THE PIRATE SCUM ABOARD HER.
FIERCE, FIERY, FUSCHIA FELINE THAT YOU ARE, I'LL NOT HAVE YOU INSULT MY SHIP-MATES!
WHAT?
Oh, BOYS! LOOKEE WHAT I GOT HE-AH!
YOU'RE WITH THE PIRATES?!
HELLLOOOO! LAST TIME WE MET, I WAS HANGING OUT WITH A BOUNTY HUNTING ASSASSIN! WHAT MADE YOU THINK I WOULDN'T TOSS IN MY LOT WITH THIS PACK OF LOVABLE NE'ER-DO-WELLS?!
VERY WELL...
YOU CAN SHARE THEIR FATE.
Oh, GOODY! I LOVE FATE! I HOPE THERE'S ENOUGH TO GO AROUND!
VWOOSH

MEANWHILE...
ANY MORE IDEAS, MARINE?
MY EVERY-THING HURTS.
CAPTAIN MARINE! CAPTAIN MARINE!
DON'T GET OFF YER BIKE! WHAT'S THE MATTER?
WE'VE BEEN HIT BELOW THE WATERLINE, AND WE'RE TAKING ON WATER FASTER THAN WE CAN PUMP IT OUT!
WELL THAT'S JUST ACE! THE BARKY'S SINKING UNDER OUR FEET AND BLAZE IS OVER THERE ALL ALONE! WHAT DO WE DO NOW?!
IT MIGHT BE A TAD RUDE, BUT I SAY WE RAM THEM. IT'S WHAT MR. SONIC WOULD DO.
YOU'RE RIGHT, CREAM! SONIC WOULD GO DOWN FIGHTING, AND SO SHOULD WE!
CHAO!

COCONUT CREW! MAN THE LIFEBOATS AND SET SAIL FOR HOME! WE'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE!
DON'T NEED YOU LUBBERS TRIPPIN' ME UP ANYHOW.
WE'LL FIRE A VOLLEY RIGHT BEFORE WE HIT, BOARD HER IN THE SMOKE AND CHAOS, AND JOIN BLAZE TO ROUT THOSE BUGGERS!
I'M SURE MISS BLAZE WILL BE HAPPY TO SEE US!
CHAO! CHAO!
RRAGH! SO THOSE WERE YOUR BOMBS BEING FIRED AT US!
SURE! A TAR'S GOTTA EARN HIS BISCUIT AND GROG SOMEHOW, AIN'T HE??
BUT MY FAVORITE JOB IS SHINING ALL THE METAL. THE WHOLE SHIP IS MADE OF METAL. HECK, THE CAPTAIN'S NAME IS CAPTAIN METAL!
BOOM
YER TIME IS UP, PRINCESS. SURRENDER YERSELF OR SACRIFICE YER FRIENDS. I'LL HAVE YER ANSWER IN 3...
Oh, THAT CAP'N METAL! WHAT A RIOT! WHY NOT GO UP ON DECK AND BASK IN HIS CAPTAIN-OISITY?
YES. WHY NOT?
...2...

...1.
I'M HERE. HOLD YOUR FIRE.
FWOOM
WELL, WELL, WELL, THE PRINCESS AT LAST...
YOU SEEM TO BE FAMILIAR WITH ME, THOUGH I'M HAPPY TO SAY I'M UNACQUAINTED WITH YOU.
THAT'S A BAD KITTY! VERY, VERY BAD!
YOU HAVE A GEM THAT BELONGS TO ME. RETURN IT NOW AND I WILL SPARE YOUR SHIP AND CREW.
THAT'S A GOOD OFFER, CAP'N. BUT I'D GO FOR CURTAIN NUMBER TWO.
AYE, A GOOD OFFER. LET ME MAKE ONE IN RETURN.
OOOOOOh, THE MYSTERY BOX!
VEEEEEEE WUMP
THAT'S RIGHT, BLAZE! IT'S A BRAND NEW LASER CANNON!!


MISS AMY, DO YOU THINK THAT REALLY BIG GUN IS SOMETHING TO WORRY ABOUT?
IT'LL BE OKAY, CREAM. YOU AND CHEESE FIND COVER.
YOU SAID THAT YOU'D SPARE THEM IF I GAVE MYSELF UP!
I LIED.
MARINE, I THINK CREAM AND CHEESE HAVE THE RIGHT IDEA. THAT GUN ISN'T JUST FOR SHOW.
DON'T BE A DRONGO, MATE! IF THOSE PIRATES KNOW WHO THEY'RE DEALING WITH, THEY'LL NEVER HAVE THE NERVE TO--
FIRE!
NO!


KWA-THOOM
AW, COME ON, CAP'N! I MEAN, THAT EXPLOSION WAS AWESOME! BUT I THINK YOU MIGHT'VE HURT THE CAT LADY'S FEELINGS BY MERCILESSLY BLOWING HER FRIENDS TO SMITHEREENS!
WELL, I'M RIGHT SORRY TO HAVE SUNK YER FRIENDS...
BUT YOU DID GIVE YERSELF UP AFTER I'D COUNTED YER TIME UP! A CAP'N HAS TO MAKE GOOD ON HIS WORD AND KEEP STRICT DISCIPLINE.
IT'S ME DUTY, Y'SEE.
...MY DUTY...
...MY FRIENDS...
TSSSS
>sniff-sniff< SOMETHING'S COOKING. IS THAT DUCK I SMELL?

OUCHA-MA-GOUCHA!
LET ME TELL YOU OF DUTY, CAPTAIN METAL.
MY DUTY IS TO PROTECT THE SOL EMERALDS AND THIS WORLD. YOU HOLD THE LAST EMERALD I SEEK.
INDEED I DO. DRAWN TO IT, I WAS. I HAVE BIG PLANS FOR IT. BIG PLANS FOR YOU AS WELL, IF YOU'LL BE A NICE KITTY AND TOE THE LINE.
COOPERATE WITH A FILTHY PIRATE?!
Oh, NO. YOU'LL PAY FOR WHAT YOU DID TO MY FRIENDS. YOU'LL PAY FOR KEEPING THIS WORLD IN JEOPARDY BY STEALING THAT GEM.
YOU'LL GIVE ME MY EMERALD NOW, OR I CAN PRY IT FROM YOUR CHARRED REMAINS. EITHER WAY, YOU... WILL...

BURN!
FOCUS, BLAZE. FOCUS!
KLONK
BEGGIN' YER PARDON, MUM.
BURN? MAYHAP I SHALL IN DUE TIME. BUT NOT WHILE YE BE LETTIN' YER FEELIN'S CONTROL YE.
A SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE, I'VE BEEN GIVEN ALREADY. I'M NOT SPOILIN' T'SEE IT END SO SOON YET, LASSIE. NOR WILL I SQUANDER THAT CHANCE ON PETTY PLUNDER OR MEAGER VISIONS.
SSSSSS

GRAND ARE MY PLANS FOR THIS SOL EMERALD, FAIRRR PRINCESS. AND FOR THE OTHER SIX EMERALDS YOU HOLD AS WELL.
CAPTAIN METAL
REBUILT RAPSCALLION
ARRRRR!
THUS ENDS THE FIRST CHAPTER OF OUR TALE, ME HEARTIES! WHAT BLACK DEEDS DOES CAPTAIN METAL HAVE IN STORE? ARE BLAZE'S FRIENDS SUNK TO THE BRINY DEEP? CAN BEAN GO ANY FARTHER 'ROUND THE TWIST? COME ON DECK WHEN THE NEXT WATCH IS CALLED IN
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HAR! HAR!

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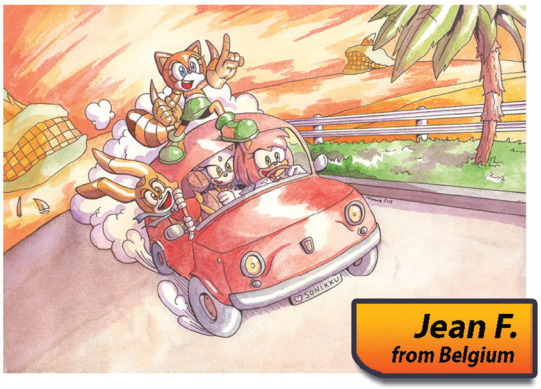

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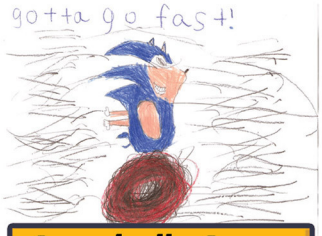

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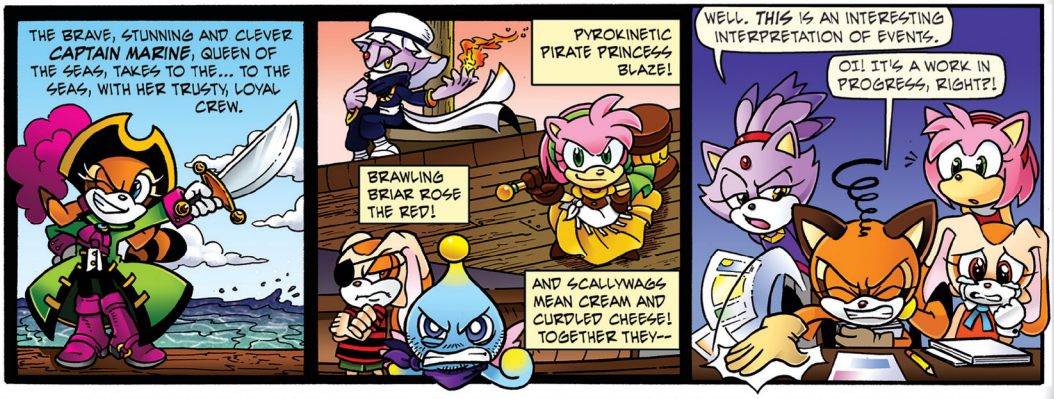
THE BRAVE, STUNNING AND CLEVER CAPTAIN MARINE, QUEEN OF THE SEAS, TAKES TO THE... TO THE SEAS, WITH HER TRUSTY, LOYAL CREW.
PYROKINETIC PIRATE PRINCESS BLAZE!
BRAWLING BRIAR ROSE THE RED!
AND SCALLYWAGS MEAN CREAM AND CURDLED CHEESE! TOGETHER THEY--
WELL. THIS IS AN INTERESTING INTERPRETATION OF EVENTS.
OI! IT'S A WORK IN PROGRESS, RIGHT?!

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Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
How are you guys keeping up? Releasing an issue of Sonic the Hedgehog, Sonic Universe, AND Mega Man™ every month must be a lot of work. I just have a few questions, so here they are.

You've got questions, we've got Sonic! ...and answers too of course!

1) How much fan mail do you get, and do you try to read all of it?

We get A LOT and you can bet we read A LOT! There isn't a day we don't get a letter or piece of fan art from awesome fans like yourself, but since there is so much we can't respond to each and every one. We'd love to, but we wouldn't be able to keep up!

2) Will you be making more stand-alone issues of Sonic Universe that focuses on individual Sonic games?

We will be doing a brand new Sega game adaptation very soon of Sonic Lost World in the Sonic Super Special Magazine! There may also be a certain mobile game adaption appearing in the next Sonic Super Digest... However, game adaptions in Sonic Universe are not out of the question! :)

3) I've noticed that Sonic has been in every issue of Sonic the Hedgehog. Has there ever been an issue of Sonic the Hedgehog without Sonic himself in it?

Sonic is always there! He doesn't always hedgeHOG the spotlight, but it is his book after all!

That's all, so thanks for taking the time to read this. Tell everyone in Soinc's world and the staff at Archie Comics that I said hi!

Anton N. sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Thanks for writing in, Anton! We'll pass the "hi" around!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
Hi, I'm Marian and I like reading your comics. I'll have the usual. When I went to summer camp last year, this boy called me "Miss Sonic" 'cause I read Sonic too much. I am not in love with Sonic or anything, but they say it's true 'cause I have over 40 issues. What should I tell them? Well, I will write to you again later.

Marian J. from Texas

Thanks for the letter, Marian! Hmm. Well, if you ask me I'd say that you can never read TOO many Sonic comics! You should tell them why you like them so much, they'll probably wanna read too! Stand proud and be the awesome Sonic fan you are! See you next month for part two of PIRATE PLUNDER PANIC!

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